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Dear Pilgrim:

In the operation in Central Greece from May 1 through June 2nd the following casualties are reported. Greek National Army: 31 killed, 86 wounded and 7 missing. Bandit forces: 402 killed, 834 captured, 428 surrendered (and 159 "self-defenders" surrendered). The large number of bandits captured, without too much of a fight, and surrendered indicates lowered bandit morale.

A part of the credit for the lowered morale should go to those working with "paper bullets". Samples of these delivered in the past month are attached. They are of three types: (1) leaflets dropped in bandit territory with short text which can be read and hidden with little risk of observation, (2) a news sheet, developing suggestion contained in my paper of February 5 addressed to you, that will be dropped by airplane frequently but irregularly, and (3) a poster that is being used in the villages of the north that are threatened or held by bandits.

In whichever area the bandit morale seems to be low the Greeks, with encouragement from the interested Americans, will concentrate their efforts to further weaken morale through the use of printed matter and loudspeakers. We know that these methods are proving effective as captured bandits frequently have leaflets in their pockets.

Sincerely yours,

23 short leaflets, one news sheet and one poster enclosed

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